

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 7-11 with the following amended paragraph:

Circuitry 128 of PV cell 112 is compact enough to be enclosed in the space between muff 106 and the wearer's ear without adversely affecting the fit or effectiveness of muff 106. The ear [[plus]] plug circuitry can be provided, for example, on the back of the PV cell using surface mount technology, or combined with the PV cell in a three-dimensional circuit board.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 2, after line 16:

Fig. 4 is a block diagram representing the system of Figs. 1-3 for both ears.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 4, after line 17:

Fig. 4 is a block diagram showing a first system 140 and a second system 142. Both systems are substantially the same as the system shown in Fig. 2. System 140 includes a first muff assembly 102, a first plug assembly 104, a modulator 114, and a buffer 116. System 142 includes a second muff assembly 103 and a second plug assembly 105. For the case of binaural presentation wherein the systems receive and provide signals over separate audio input channels 1 and 2, system 142 has a separate modulator 115 and buffer 117. In this case, systems 140 and 142 share the use of an oscillator 132. The connections for the binaural case are indicated with regular dashed lines. For the case of monaural presentation, the systems share modulator 114 and buffer 116, and have separate muff assemblies and plug assemblies as indicated by line 119.